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- 25X1 1. Recent reports have indicated a considerable building up of Czechoslovakian troops in the Sumava area, and a movement of elements of other higher units starting in October 1950. Thus, the 46th Infantry Regiment of As and the 33rd Infantry Regiment of Cheb, both elements of the 13th Infantry Division of Karlovy Vary, have been transferred to Susice. The 5th Regiment, formerly stationed at Kladno and an element of the 5th Motorized Division of Prague, has moved to Jindrichuv Hradec. No further elements of the 5th Motorized Division are definitely established in the Sumava area. The 1st Infantry Regiment, an element of the 1st Infantry Division of Ceske Budejovice, has moved to Cesky Krumlov.
2. There has been no confirmation of movements of the 251st Antitank Battalion, an element of the 1st Artillery Regiment of Prague, to the Sumava area, or of the 11th Infantry Division from Pilsen to Klatovy. However, units of the 11th Infantry Division are believed to be located between Tachov and Domazlice.
3. It is estimated that there are four divisions at present in southwest Bohemia, between Plana and Jindrichuv Hradec:
- a. 11th Infantry Division at Pilsen
  - b. 4th Infantry Division at Susice which has been strengthened by the 33rd and 46th Infantry Regiments
  - c. 1st Infantry Division at Ceske Budejovice
  - d. 14th Infantry Division at Pisek

There is a possibility that the 5th Motorized Division is located in this area, with headquarters at Bechyne or Tabor. If it is assumed that there are five divisions plus two infantry regiments in this sector, 38,000 men are involved. Also included in this estimate are the 1st Tank Regiment, with 180 tanks, at Strasice, the 14th Tank Brigade, with 70 tanks, at Pilsen, and 5,000 - 6,000 SNB men.

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4. The arrival of unknown tank units is expected very soon in the Lazne Kynzvalt-Stribo area, and quarters are being hurriedly expanded. The 'arianske Lazne airfield has recently been confiscated for military purposes. By 1 January 1951, the garrison of 4,560 men at Cheb is to be expanded to 15,000. Reservist mobilization announcements are reported to be ready for dispatch at the District National Committee offices. Regimental and battalion deputies have reported that Soviets in Czech uniforms are acting as military advisers. Border units down to company level are also to receive advisers.
5. Classes now in service are the 1928 and 1929 classes, each containing about 60,000 men. There is no information on the calling of the 1930 class or of reservists after 1 October 1950 or on the reactivation of antiaircraft defenses in this area. The program to expand airfields and to build concrete runways will not be completed before the spring of 1951.

25X1   Comment: A possible explanation for these changes is that they are part of a constant military reorganization and reinforcement which is currently being conducted throughout Czechoslovakia. The imminence of attack cannot be estimated.

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